Food processing industries in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

1548. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing Industries sanctioned and working in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, State-wise, since January, 1997;

(b) whether Govemment have received the working of these units;

(c) if not, any study was conducted and action plan proposed to be implemented by those units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Food processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors. Information regarding number of food processing industries Statewise is not maintained Centrally. However, as per information available, details of approvals for setting up of 100% Export Oriented Units, Industrial Licence Units, Joint-Ventures and Industrial Enterpreneur Memoranda (lEMs) field in the processed food sector in these state are as under:—

State	No. of (EMs Filed	No. of Approvals
Andhra Pradesh	109	12
Karnataka	86	13
Maharashtra	887	23

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (d) A study on evaluation of the projects funded by the Department of Food Processing Industries during the 8th Five Year Plan and the 1st Year of 9th Five Year Plan has been entrusted to National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. The report of NCAER has not been received for working out Action Plan.